

Who is Jesus?

The Christ - Part 2

Proving Himself to Be the Christ

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The Importance of Signs

John 20:30-31 *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. NKJV*

The **signs** Jesus performed led people to believe that He was the Christ and the Son of God. Believing that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God is the only way to have **life**.

John 2:23-25 *Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. NKJV*

Many people **believed** in Jesus because they saw the signs He performed.

John 7:30-31 *Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. 31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" NKJV*

The people were starting to conclude that Jesus must be the **Christ** because He was performing all kinds of signs.

John 8:23-25 *And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." 25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" NKJV*

Jesus said that if we don't believe that He is who He said He was, then we will **die** in our sins. Signs were used to get people to believe.

John 11:45-48 *Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. 48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation." NKJV*

Even Jesus' enemies recognized the **power** of the signs Jesus was performing.

John 12:10-11 *But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. NKJV*

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, many of the Jews believed in Jesus.

Jesus Performs His First Sign

John 2:1-12 *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning of **signs** Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. 12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.*

Jesus **hesitated** performing His first miracle because the timing was not right.

Jesus' mother told the servants to do **exactly** what Jesus said.

At the insistence of His **mother** Jesus turned six waterpots full of water into wine.(120-180 gallons)

The wine Jesus made from the water was better than the wine they were initially serving at the feast.

After He performed this sign, the disciples **believed** in Him.

Jesus Foretells His Final Sign

John 2:13-22 *Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" 19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said. NKJV*

This appears to be the **first** Passover after His baptism. He cleanses the temple again three years later right before His death.

Deut 14:22-26 *You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. 23 And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. 24 But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the Lord your God has blessed you, 25 then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses.* NKJV

It was God's **plan** for people who came from a great distance to buy the things necessary to keep the Passover and the rest of The Law from merchants in Jerusalem.

It was not God's plan for the business to take place **in** the temple.

Jesus said, "*Do not make My Father's house a house of **merchandise!***"

Luke 2:49-50 *And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.* NKJV

At the age of twelve Jesus was **in** the temple conducting His Father's business. That consisted of discussing God's word with the teachers in Jerusalem.

At the age of thirty Jesus comes to the temple and takes charge **over** His Father's house.

By driving out the animals, turning over the tables used by those doing business, and demanding the guilty people leave the temple, Jesus was claiming **authority** over His Father's house.

The Jews wanted a **sign** of His authority.

Jesus both stunned and irritated them by telling them to destroy the temple and He would rebuild it in **three** days.

This made no sense to the undiscerning Jews. They couldn't see how Jesus could rebuild a temple that took 46 years to build in only three days.

Jesus was going to do something even more amazing than rebuilding the temple. He was going to raise Himself from the **dead!**

At His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus did much more than cleanse the temple. He actually entered the Holy of Holy place and offered Himself as the **only** sacrifice that could actually forgive sins.

He tore down the curtain that denied men access to God's presence. He demolished the veil that separated Jews from Gentiles.

He gave the **ultimate** sign by raising from the dead and going to sit at God's right hand.

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